

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9 through 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 and add Claims 13 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image capture apparatus ~~comprises~~ comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data;
a microphone unit adapted to output sound data;

[[a]] an internal recording unit adapted to (a) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to an instruction of starting recording, and (b) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to an instruction of stopping recording; and

a communication unit ~~being~~ capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium;~~

~~wherein said recording unit is not capable of separating from said image capture apparatus;~~

wherein if it is determined by said image capture apparatus that the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, said communication unit starts to ~~output~~ outputting the image and sound data ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium~~ in response to the instruction of starting recording, ~~so that the external storage device can start recording the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium;~~ and

wherein if it is determined by said image capture apparatus that the external storage device is connected to said communication unit and the image and sound data are being output from said communication unit, said communication unit stops outputting the image and sound data ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium to the external storage device~~ in response to the instruction of stopping recording ~~so that the external storage device can stop recording the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein even if said internal recording unit cannot normally record the image and sound data on the recording medium, said communication unit continues outputting the image and sound data ~~said image capture apparatus is capable of controlling said communication unit to continue an output of the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium until the instruction stopping recording is inputted, irrespective of whether or not said recording unit can normally record the image and sound data on the recording medium.~~

3. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

4. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image capture apparatus, wherein the image capture apparatus comprises (a) an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data, (b) a microphone unit adapted to output sound data, (c) ~~[[a]]~~ an internal recording unit adapted to (i) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to an instruction of starting recording, and (ii) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to an instruction of stopping recording, and ~~[[(b)]]~~ (d) a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data, ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium, wherein the recording unit is not capable of separating from the image capture apparatus~~, said method comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not the external storage device is connected to the communication unit;

if it is determined in said determining step that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit, controlling the communication unit to start outputting the image and sound data ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium~~ in response to the instruction of starting recording; ~~so that the external storage device can start recording the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium;~~ and

if it is determined in said determining step that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit and the image and sound data are being output from the communication unit, controlling the communication unit to stop outputting the image and sound data ~~that is to be recorded on the recording medium~~ in response to the instruction of stopping recording ~~so that the external storage device can stop recording the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of, even if the internal recording unit cannot normally record the image and sound data on the recording medium, controlling the communication unit to continue outputting the image and sound data ~~controlling the communication unit to continue an output of the image and sound data that is to be recorded on the recording medium until the instruction of stopping recording is inputted, irrespective of whether or not the recording unit can normally record the image and sound data on the recording medium.~~

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

9 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.

14. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.